



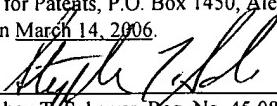
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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

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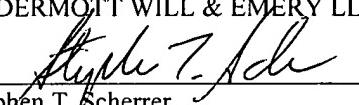
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Independent Claims	0	0	0	\$200.00 =	\$0.00
Multiple dependent claims newly presented					\$0.00
Fee for extension of time					\$0.00
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Total of Above Calculations					\$0.00

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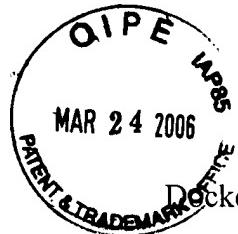
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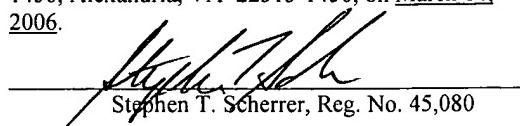
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

The present amendment is submitted in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated February 13, 2006, and ultimately in response to the Office Action dated October 19, 2005. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments, and consideration of the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.